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For **STABILIZATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PROTEIN FORMULATIONS
WITH SMALL PEPTIDES**

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AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 6, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
SIR:

In response to the Final Office action dated January 6, 2006 and the Advisory actions dated March 28, 2006 and June 13, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 15 of this paper.